Alberta Population Report

March 26, 2003 — Fourth Quarter, 2002

Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth between January 1 of 2002 and 2003 remains the strongest among the provinces. As of January 1, 2003, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,134,286. This is an increase of approximately 48,000 persons (or 1.56% growth) from January 1, 2002. Of the provinces, Ontario and British Columbia had the next largest growth rates at 1.22% and 0.85%, respectively.

The following chart shows both population estimates and growth rates of Canada and Alberta since 1998 for January 1.

TABLE 1. **NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, JANUARY 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
January 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1998	30,112,150	--	2,866,355	--
1999	30,354,641	0.81%	2,932,879	2.32%
2000	30,629,243	0.90%	2,979,779	1.60%
2001	30,921,275	0.95%	3,032,355	1.76%
2002	31,240,487	1.03%	3,086,034	1.77%
2003	31,499,560	0.83%	3,134,286	1.56%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for January 1, 2003 for all provinces and territories are provided below in Table 2. Also shown is the growth rate of population between January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2003.

Migration

Between October 1 and December 31, 2002, Alberta had an estimated net interprovincial migration of 3,213 people and a total net migration (interprovincial and international) of 2,889 people. Alberta had the largest number of interprovincial net migrants in Canada, followed by Quebec. The origin and destination of interprovincial migrants are shown in Table 3 on the following page.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the fourth quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

Natural Increase

Statistics Canada estimates that Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of about 3,800 people between October 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002. More than 8,900 births occurred in this quarter, while there were an estimated 5,100 deaths.

More detailed demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2. **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1, 2003 & GROWTH RATES SINCE JANUARY 1, 2002**

	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	531,145	140,412	944,456	756,368	7,467,626	12,109,514	1,150,564	1,009,225	3,134,286	4,155,779	29,841	41,389	28,955
Growth Rate	0.41%	0.78%	0.07%	0.13%	0.43%	1.22%	0.21%	0.51%	1.56%	0.85%	0.87%	0.49%	2.31%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3. ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS, OCTOBER 1, 2002 TO DECEMBER 31, 2002

Origin	Destination												
	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	25	435	138	30	855	37	5	623	158	0	25	32
Prince Edward I.	43	0	36	133	22	144	5	0	84	44	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	199	200	0	404	224	1,152	76	13	706	363	6	14	11
New Brunswick	143	83	453	0	452	746	4	12	464	176	13	14	9
Quebec	32	29	175	352	0	3,823	61	12	424	468	12	36	46
Ontario	1,117	167	1,068	809	3,920	0	1,425	411	3,586	2,985	47	44	31
Manitoba	30	0	113	28	47	1,020	0	601	1,318	895	0	40	46
Saskatchewan	0	0	44	36	56	328	648	0	2,752	762	4	42	8
Alberta	537	87	423	345	503	2,605	906	2,084	0	5,056	75	144	19
British Columbia	156	30	300	147	545	3,381	485	505	5,720	0	155	64	11
Yukon Territory	17	0	33	0	0	18	0	0	54	128	0	15	3
Northwest Terr.	4	0	14	10	14	75	14	37	242	138	23	0	39
Nunavut Terr.	4	0	12	8	22	51	15	10	24	32	1	49	0

	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,282	621	3,106	2,410	5,835	14,198	3,676	3,690	15,997	11,205	336	487	255
Out Migration	2,363	511	3,368	2,569	5,470	15,610	4,138	4,680	12,784	11,499	268	610	228
Net Migration	-81	110	-262	-159	365	-1,412	-462	-990	3,213	-294	68	-123	27

Source: Statistics Canada

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR 2002

Midyear Population (July 1): 3,113,586

Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 23,329
International Immigrants (Jan. – Dec.): 14,713
Total International Emigrants (Jan. – Dec.): 8,925
Non-Permanent Residents (Jan. – Dec.): 822

Births (Jan. – Dec.): 37,709
Deaths (Jan. – Dec.): 19,396

Information provided in this document is preliminary, and thus subject to change in future reports.

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial			International						Total
	Out-Migration	In-Migration	*Net Interprovincial*	Immigration	Emigration	Non-Permanent Residents	Temporarily Abroad	Returning Emigrants	*Net International*	*Total Net Migration*
1996										
Jan - Mar	9,897	11,481	**1,584**	3,164	1,235	57	n/a	725	**2,711**	**4,295**
Apr - June	12,898	15,286	**2,388**	3,728	1,789	599	n/a	824	**3,362**	**5,750**
July - Sep	15,056	21,022	**5,966**	4,034	2,555	935	771	1,217	**2,860**	**8,826**
Oct - Dec	8,285	13,416	**5,131**	2,977	1,488	(810)	565	432	**546**	**5,677**
Total	*46,136*	*61,205*	***15,069***	*13,903*	*7,067*	*781*	*1,336*	*3,198*	***9,479***	***24,548***
1997										
Jan - Mar	8,802	15,282	**6,480**	3,291	741	614	424	427	**3,167**	**9,647**
Apr - June	11,908	20,613	**8,705**	3,545	1,290	632	525	720	**3,082**	**11,787**
July - Sep	14,756	25,161	**10,405**	3,338	3,075	929	876	1,041	**1,357**	**11,762**
Oct - Dec	6,537	13,406	**6,869**	2,749	1,732	(479)	637	519	**420**	**7,289**
Total	*42,003*	*74,462*	***32,459***	*12,923*	*6,838*	*1,696*	*2,462*	*2,707*	***8,026***	***40,485***
1998										
Jan - Mar	9,065	20,591	**11,526**	2,664	1,048	232	510	510	**1,848**	**13,374**
Apr - Jun	12,860	27,149	**14,289**	2,938	1,226	284	541	932	**2,387**	**16,676**
July - Sept	13,828	23,051	**9,223**	3,041	3,085	876	983	1,092	**941**	**10,164**
Oct - Dec	8,408	13,495	**5,087**	2,572	1,810	(471)	715	537	**113**	**5,200**
Total	*44,161*	*84,286*	***40,125***	*11,215*	*7,169*	*921*	*2,749*	*3,071*	***5,289***	***45,414***
1999										
Jan - Mar	10,103	14,693	**4,590**	2,614	1,102	470	573	521	**1,930**	**6,520**
Apr - Jun	13,402	19,693	**6,291**	3,026	1,269	1,239	606	936	**3,326**	**9,617**
July - Sept	15,993	21,712	**5,719**	3,637	3,170	790	1,103	1,092	**1,246**	**6,965**
Oct - Dec	8,770	11,862	**3,092**	2,810	1,827	(977)	802	537	**(259)**	**2,833**
Total	*48,268*	*67,960*	***19,692***	*12,087*	*7,368*	*1,522*	*3,084*	*3,086*	***6,243***	***25,935***
2000										
Jan - Mar	10,313	17,065	**6,752**	2,865	1,107	757	643	521	**2,393**	**9,145**
Apr - Jun	12,971	20,082	**7,111**	3,552	1,275	750	680	936	**3,283**	**10,394**
July - Sept	15,768	20,600	**4,832**	4,168	3,217	1,238	1,239	1,092	**2,042**	**6,874**
Oct - Dec	8,330	14,032	**5,702**	3,757	1,848	(1,023)	900	537	**523**	**6,225**
Total	*47,382*	*71,779*	***24,397***	*14,342*	*7,447*	*1,722*	*3,462*	*3,086*	***8,241***	***32,638***
2001										
Jan - Mar	8,471	12,964	**4,493**	3,835	1,116	975	721	521	**3,494**	**7,987**
Apr - Jun	11,103	16,533	**5,430**	4,439	1,288	788	763	936	**4,112**	**9,542**
July - Sept	19,577	28,752	**9,175**	4,576	3,255	1,398	1,389	1,089	**2,419**	**11,594**
Oct - Dec	11,107	17,065	**5,958**	3,544	1,865	(894)	1,011	535	**309**	**6,267**
Total	*50,258*	*75,314*	***25,056***	*16,394*	*7,524*	*2,267*	*3,884*	*3,081*	***10,334***	***35,390***
2002										
Jan - Mar	11,956	17,916	**5,960**	3,910	1,123	365	809	516	**2,859**	**8,819**
Apr - Jun	15,152	20,799	**5,647**	4,538	1,300	383	856	925	**3,690**	**9,337**
July - Sept	21,247	29,756	**8,509**	3,133	3,302	1,039	1,559	1,074	**385**	**8,894**
Oct - Dec	12,784	15,997	**3,213**	3,132	1,886	(965)	1,134	529	**(324)**	**2,889**
Total	*61,139*	*84,468*	***23,329***	*14,713*	*7,611*	*822*	*4,358*	*3,044*	***6,610***	***29,939***

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